

MINUTES

Lyn Public School Parent Council

Date | time April 18th, 6:30 pm Adjournment 7:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Allison

In Attendance

Allison Myre, Marnie Lindsay, Greg McElrea (staff representative), Stephanie Mask, Diego Arvelo, Liz Lyon, and Liza Gauthier

Regrets: Lindsay Davison, Sally Mellon

Approval of March Minutes (Secretary/Chair)

Approved: Liz Lyon

2nd: Stephanie Mask

Principal Update

Topic	Details
Monthly Review	Kindergarten registration has opened for the 2023-24 school year. We are still accepting registrations. An in-person kindergarten open house is planned for April 26 th . Staffing is underway for 2023-24. Our projected enrollment is 196 students.
Facilities – playground update	Awaiting update from facilities. Will provide information at next meeting.
School Activities	Students engaged in “Earth Week” learning – Mr. McElrea will talk a bit about this in teacher report. Staff are getting ready to start track and field in the coming weeks. Students can look forward to a meet at Lyn (primary & junior), a JR meet at TISS, and a JR relay meet at TISS organized by Mr. Cross for the local schools. Fire Drills will be resuming (3 in the spring), and a formal lockdown practice will take place with the OPP on April 25 th . Staff are beginning to plan for end of year trips. EQAO administration dates: Grade 3: May 30 th – June 2 nd & Grade 6: June 5 th – 8 th
Student Achievement and Wellness Goals	Mrs. Crotty, Mrs. Shupe, Mr. Synnott, and Mr. McNish participated in a professional development session on April 12 th – the focus was on literacy and numeracy instruction. Mr. McElrea, Mr. Cross, and I attended a wonderful professional development session on Monday about Real World Learning. Mr. Cross shared his RWL project with other educators at the session. Our kindergarten students will also be engaging in a RWL project this spring. We continue to work on developing social and emotional skills with our students, ensuring that they feel that they belong. Greeting our students daily by name, providing engaging learning opportunities, special events, and wellness programs such as recess club, and extra-curricular activities.

RWL Project Update (Mr. Cross)

Year-long RWL project happening in our grade 5/6 class:

- we have partnered with the Conservation Authority and Frontenac Arch Biosphere to help make Lyn Pit a better place.
- we started by walking around Lyn Pit to see what we could do.
- we were given supplies from Home Hardware Brockville and built turtle boxes to help the endangered turtles (protects the eggs from predators)
- we created bird houses for endangered blue birds that will also go down there (thanks to the Leeds Grenville Stewardship Council)
- we are now working to create a story walk to go in at Lyn Pit
- we have learned how to 3D print, create a book online and use online imaging to put in our books.
- we went to Mac Johnson to look at the story walk there on April 18th.
- this has been a huge learning experience for everyone, including myself (curriculum and outside of curriculum)
- Mr. Cross would be happy to share more information at a future meeting if desired.

Teacher Update (Mr. McElrea)

- JK/SK B – had a wonderful kindergarten Carnival on April 5th and 6th
- JK/SK – Smile Box RWL project – planning for each class to prepare a box with some items to share with the residents at a nursing home (multiple items – plants, crafts, games, artwork, writing, etc.) and the SR will pass the box onto another resident who might need a smile as well).
- Earth Week – sunflower challenge, yard and community clean-up, zero-waste lunch Wednesday, Earth hour on Friday.
- European Handball tournament – coached by Mr. Synnott – tournament on April 27th.
- Lion's Music Festival – Concert Band @ Lyn on April 24th, April 25th – some small groups will be performing at the Arts Centre. Lyn students will have an opportunity to listen to the band on Friday, April 21st and there will be an evening concert for families in the spring.

Laura Secord Fundraiser

- Money has been returned for 25 boxes to date. Unsold chocolate will be returned this week and redistributed to families looking for additional chocolate. Kayla will coordinate – Stephanie Mask and Liz Lyon can help with redistribution efforts if support is needed.

Hot Dog Days

- Sally is looking for some help with hot dog & chips days for May & June. Stephanie, Liz, and Diego can organize. Stephanie and Liz to coordinate.
 - May 16th & June 13th

Next Meeting: May 16th @ 6:30 pm
